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A NEW SPECIES OF CANDALIDES FROM EASTERN AUSTRALIA AND NOTES ON CANDALIDES HYACINTHINUS (SEMPER) (LEPIDOPTERA: LYCAENIDAE)

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Abstract

Candalides geminus sp. n., a new species of Candalides Hübner sens. lat. belonging to the erinus species group is described from eastern Australia. A lectotype is selected for Candalides hyacinthinus (Semper) and Candalides hyacinthinus hyacinthinus is recorded from southern Western Australia.

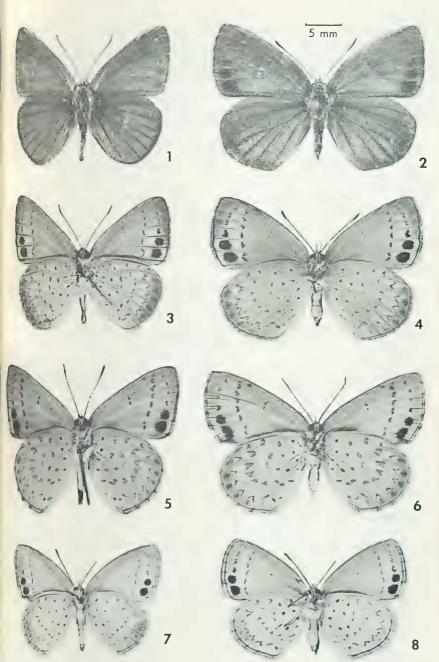
Introduction

Two specimens resembling C. hyacinthinus eugenia Waterhouse and Lyell were taken at the Claudie River, Queensland, in May 1961. They differ from specimens of this subspecies from Kuranda and coastal localities south of Cairns, and were considered to be a far-northern form mentioned by Common and Waterhouse (1972). In February 1977 similar specimens were taken flying with C. h. hyacinthinus at Theodore in central Queensland which suggested that they might belong to a separate species. This was confirmed subsequently by the examination of many additional specimens and the genitalia. We consider it necessary to designate a lectotype for Candalides hyacinthinus in case some of its syntypes belong to C. geminus sp. n.

We have not used the generic name *Erina* Swainson for this group of species (Tite, 1963) and prefer to use *Candalides sens. lat.* at least until a generic name is proposed for the *C. absimilis* (Felder) group.

We take the opportunity to record the presence in southern Western Australia of *C. h. hyacinthinus*. This was first recognized when Mr K. T. Richards forwarded a specimen for identification and was subsequently independently recognized by Mr D. F. Crosby.

Because of individual variation a key to the adults of the *C. erinus* (Fabricius) group, based on coloration, would be cumbersome and that of Tite (1963) is unworkable. Examination of the genitalia may be necessary to distinguish worn specimens. Keys to the species of the *erinus* group, based on genitalia, are therefore given.

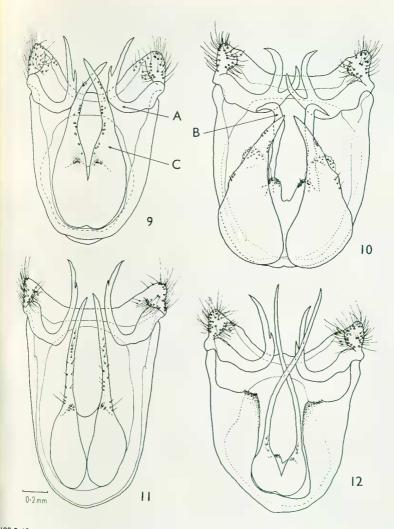


FIGS 1-8. (1, 3) upper and underside holotype & C. geminus sp. n.; (2, 4) upper and underside paratype & C. geminus sp. n., 31 km NW by N of Cooktown, Q.; (5, 6) underside & and & C. hyacinthinus hyacinthinus, Palmwoods, Q.; (7, 8) underside & and & C. erinus, Rockhampton, Q., Yeppoon, Q.

13 Sept. 1974 G. Daniels" (all in G. Daniels collection); 15 "Claudie R., Cape York, May 1961, J.F.R. Kerr", 100 29 "Captain Billy Creek, Cape York Pen. N. Qld. 142 50 E 11°45'S 12-14.VII.1975 J.F.R. Kerr", 10°19 "31.07S 149.40E 40 km ENE Coonabarabran N.S.W. 2 Oct. 1977 E.D. Edwards", 10° "Eidsvold, Q. 7 March 1971 J.F.R. Kerr", 10° "Eidsvold, Q. 17 Feb. 1974 J.F.R. Kerr", 16 "30 km S Theodore, Qld. 1 Feb 1977 J.F.R. Kerr", 16 "22 mls S Theodore, Q. 21 Oct. 1973, J.F.R. Kerr" (all in J.F.R. Kerr collection). 2d "Claudie River Nth Q., 15-16.V.1961 J. Macqueen", 2d "Isla Gorge S.Q. 3-4 March 1973 J. Macqueen", (all in J. Macqueen collection); 4d "Heath country approx. half way between Iron Range and Portland Roads N.Q. 13 Apr. 1971 M.S. Moulds", 19 "Coen N.Q. 11 Jan. 1969 M.S. Moulds", 19 "Tozer Gap, Iron Range, N.Q. 12 Oct. 1974 M.S. Moulds", 1º "Old Lockhart River Mission Site, Iron Range, N.Q. 26 Oct. 1974 M.S. & B.J. Moulds" 10 "Coonabarabran N.S.W. 8 Jan. 1963 M.S. Moulds" (all in M.S. Moulds collection); 10 10 "Iron Range, Q. C.G. Miller" dated "22 Sept. 1975" and "27 Sept. 1975", 16 "Tozers Gap, Iron Range, Q. 26 Sept. 1975 C.G. Miller", 4d 29 "Iron Range, Cape York Pen., N. Qld. C.G. Miller" 4 dated "4 August 1977" and 2 dated "6 August 1977" (all in C.G. Miller collection); 10 "Cape York, N.Q. 6-6-28 W.B. Barnard" "Candalides hyacinthinus eugenia d.", 1d "Cape York, N.Q. 25-10-27 W.B. Barnard" (all in Queensland Museum): 16 29 "Claudie R. N.Q. December 1971 D. Sands" one 9 with "genitalia slide", 16 "Eidsvold Qld 13-ii-71 D.P. Sands (all in D.P. Sands collection); 29 "C. York 16-10-27" "Presented by E.J. Dumigan 1966", 16 "Cape Flattery Heath 45 km N Cooktown Q. 13-14 July 1976 G.B. & S.R. Monteith", 16 "Sandstone hilltop 12 km N of Hopevale, N. Qld. 15 July 1976 G.B. & S.R. Monteith" "Genitalia slide", 16 "Lockerbie area Cape York N. Qld 13-27 Apr 1973 G.B. Monteith" (all in University of Queensland collection).

Distribution: — The species occurs from Cape York, Qld, to Barryrenie, near Cowra, N.S.W. It is not recorded from coastal districts south of Cooktown, Qld and in New South Wales it is only known from areas west of the Dividing Range.

Description: - Holotype male (Figs 1, 3). Head dark grey; from white with two vertical bars of dark grey; projecting scales dark grey; antennae black with white bands on under surface; labial palpi black above, white at base of terminal segment, white beneath with projecting scales dark grey. Thorax dark grey above and white beneath; legs white, suffused with grey scales; tarsal segments dark grey ringed with white. Abdomen dark grey above and white beneath. Fore wing above shining purplish brown; apex brown black; termen and costa narrowly brown black; veins brown black; cilia grey; dagger scales scattered over the median two thirds. Fore wing beneath pale grey; a faint grey bar at end of cell; a narrow postmedian line of dark grey dashes extending from R₅ to 1A+2A, which are straight or bowed inwards, that between CuA2 and 1A+2A bowed outwards; subterminal line of dashes extending from R₅ to 1A+2A, that between M₃ and CuA₁ slightly larger, surrounded by a white suffusion which extends proximally to the postmedian line, the two markings between CuA1 and 1A+2A much larger, appearing as large black spots surrounded by a white suffusion which extends proximally to the postmedian line; termen narrowly darker; cilia pale grey. Hind wing above shining purplish brown; costa brown black; termen narrowly brown black; inner margin dark grey; cilia grey; inner margin and base lightly clothed with silvery hair scales. Hind wing beneath pale grey, paler towards inner margin and between postmedian and subterminal lines, darker between subterminal line and termen; two brown black dots within cell, inner with a similar dot above it between Sc + R₁ and Rs + M₁ and a dot below between CuA2 and 1A + 2A, the latter two dots narrowly surrounded by white; median line of grey brown dots and dashes, two at end of cell and one between Sc + R1 and Rs, CuA1 and CuA2, CuA2 and 1A + 2A and between 1A + 2A and inner margin, dots nearest costa and inner margin narrowly surrounded with white; postmedian line of dashes grey brown extending from Sc + R₁ to inner margin, that nearest inner margin displaced proximally; subterminal line of scattered black scales, narrow, from Sc + R₁ to inner margin, bowed inward between veins; termen narrowly dark grey; cilia pale grey; basal area lightly clothed with silvery hair scales; dagger scales scattered over the discalarea. Length of fore wing 15mm.



sp. n.; (10) C. acastus, Black Mt., A.C.T.; (16) C. hyacinthinus hyacinthinus, Batemans Bay, N.S.W.; (12) C. erinus, Ingham, Q.

Males in the paratypic series show considerable variation in the shade of purple above anging from shining purplish brown to shining purple. The former are usual in northern calities and the latter in southern localities. The width of the brown black margins above to varies. The ground colour beneath in a specimen from Blackdown Tableland, Old, is most as dark as in C. hyacinthinus and the white areas around the large black spots are sent. Length of fore wing 13-17 mm.

Male genitalia (Figs 9, 13). Valva robust, tapering gradually to point; aedeagus narrow, ightly broader at tip; vesica without prominent spicule. Male genitalia vary in the shape of

the basal halves of the valvae; those of the holotype (Fig. 9) are considerably narrower than in most specimens, and in this respect might be mistaken for *C. hyacinthinus*.

Female (Figs 2, 4). Head, thorax and abdomen as in male. Fore wing above brown black, shining purple between CuA_2 and dorsum except for broad terminal band, scattered purple scales in cell and between CuA_1 and CuA_2 , scattered blue scales at base, patches of black scales corresponding to large black spots beneath. Fore wing beneath as in male. Hind wing above brown black, shining purple between M_1 and 1A + 2A except for broad terminal band, scattered pale blue scales at base; basal half sparsely clothed with long silvery hair scales. Hind wing beneath as in male. Females vary in the extent of purple above, some examples having purple only between CuA_2 and 1A + 2A on the hind wing. Length of fore wing 14-17 mm.

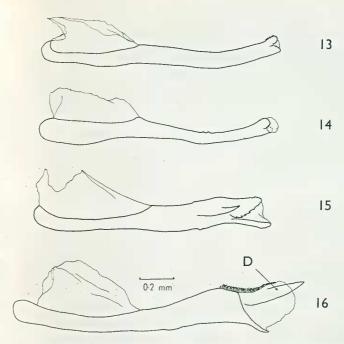
Female genitalia (Fig. 17). Sinus vaginalis forming a broadly rectangular to

triangular pouch.

Comments: - Both sexes of C. geminus may be distinguished from C. hyacinthinus (Figs 5, 6) by the markings beneath which are dots and dashes and never blotches as in C. hyacinthinus. The markings at the end of the hind wing cell beneath are dashes in C. geminus whereas in C. hyacinthinus they are blotches with darker margins. The large black spots on the underside of the fore wing are almost always surrounded by white in C. geminus and the ground colour on the underside of C. hyacinthinus is browner. Males may be distinguished by the more rounded termen of the fore wing and the less pointed tornus of the hind wing in C. geminus. The valvae in C. geminus taper more gradually to a point, the lobes of the uncus are more protruded and the bifurcation of the brachium is further from the tip (A). The aedeagus is distinctive, being narrower, less expanded towards the tip than in C. hyacinthinus and the vesica is without the prominent and smooth spicule of that species. Females of C. hyacinthinus sometimes have extensive purple areas in the cell and between M₁ and CuA₂ of the fore wing but such coloration has not been found in females of C. geminus. Occasionally females of the subspecies C. hyacinthinus hyacinthinus have the purple replaced by blue but this has not been observed in C. geminus. Dark patches above corresponding to the large black spots on the underside of the fore wing are more noticeable in females of C. geminus. The sinus vaginalis forms a broadly rectangular to triangular pouch in C. geminus, whereas in C. hvacinthinus it is spherical.

Both sexes may be distinguished from C. erinus (Fabricius) (Figs 7, 8) by their larger size (C. erinus: $oldsymbol{d}$ 11-14 mm, $oldsymbol{Q}$ 12-14 mm). $oldsymbol{C}$. erinus is whiter on the underside and the markings are more brownish. In $oldsymbol{C}$. erinus the postmedian line of markings on the underside of the hind wing is almost straight between $oldsymbol{M}_2$ and $oldsymbol{A}$ 1A + 2A, whereas in $oldsymbol{C}$. $oldsymbol{C}$ geminus it is curved. Males may be distinguished by the valvae which are broad and taper gradually to a point while in $oldsymbol{C}$. $oldsymbol{C}$ erinus they are long and very narrow. Females may be distinguished by the purple areas above which are rarely present in Australian examples of $oldsymbol{C}$. $oldsymbol{C}$ erinus. In $oldsymbol{C}$. $oldsymbol{C}$ erinus the pouch of the sinus vaginalis is very greatly lengthened.

Candalides geminus has occasionally been mistaken for C. hyacinthinus eugenia in the past. Common (1964) based the locality record of Port Stewart for C. hyacinthinus eugenia on a female specimen of C. geminus and Peters (1969), followed by Common and Waterhouse (1972) and other authors,



FIGS 13-16. Aedeagus: (13) holotype *C. geminus* sp. n.; (14) *C. erinus*, Ingham, Q.; (15) *C. acastus*, Black Mt., A.C.T.: (16) *C. hyacinthinus hyacinthinus*, Batemans Bay, N.S.W. (with vesica partly extruded).

extended the range of *C. hyacinthinus eugenia* to Cape York based on two specimens of *C. geminus* in the Australian Museum from the G. A. Waterhouse collection. Dr G. A. Waterhouse never recorded *C. hyacinthinus eugenia* from north of Kuranda and apparently regarded the specimens as large *C. erinus*. Smithers and Peters (1972) and Atkins (1974) correctly recorded *C. h. hyacinthinus* at the Warrumbungle National Park, N.S.W. and Expedition Range, Old, respectively, but specimens of *C. geminus* were taken at the same time. *C. geminus* is mentioned as *Candalides* sp. by Monteith and Hancock (1977).

On Cape York Peninsula C. geminus has been collected flying near Cassytha sp. (Cassythaceae) growing in open forest plant communities. Near Dubbo it was found in the Melaleuca uncinata R.Br. subassociation of the Eucalyptus viridis R.T. Baker association (Biddiscombe 1963) and near Coonabarabran in dry sclerophyll forest where a female was observed laying eggs on Cassytha paniculata R.Br.

Adults have been taken flying with *C. erinus* on Cape York Peninsula and with *C. hyacinthinus* at Expedition Range, Theodore and near Coonabarabran. Its range is not yet known to overlap that of *C. acastus* (Cox). *C. geminus* has been caught on Cape York Peninsula in all months except January and February and it almost certainly occurs throughout the year. At Expedition Range it has been taken in July and August as well as other months and may occur throughout the year. In southern Queensland and New South Wales it has been taken from October to March.

Candalides hyacinthinus hyacinthinus (Semper)

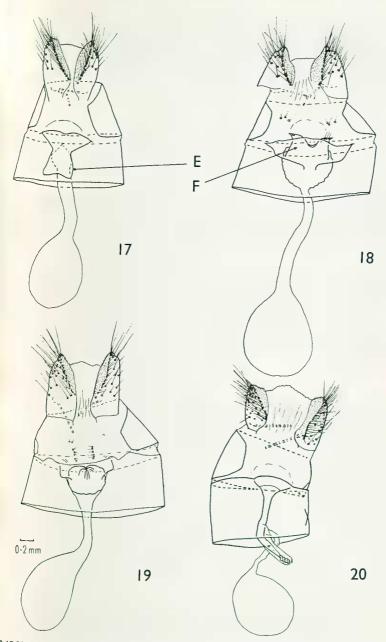
Holochila hyacinthina Scott in litt. Semper, 1879 Candalides simplexa cassythae (Scott) Couchman, 1962 Erina hyacinthina hyacinthina (Semper) Tite, 1963 Candalides hyacinthinus hyacinthinus (Semper) Common and Waterhouse, 1972

Types: — Lectotype ♀ labelled "Sidney", "Semper Coll. 1897", "ex coll. Hamilton Druce, 1919", "Joicey Bequest Brit. Mus. 1934-120", "Syntype", "Holochila hyacinthina (Scott i.l.) Semper det. R. I. Vane-Wright, 1977 Syntype ♀" hereby designated, in British Museum (Natural History); 1♂ paralectotype labelled "Rockhampton", "Semper Coll. 1897", "ex coll. Hamilton Druce, 1919", "Joicey Bequest Brit. Mus. 1934-120" "Syntype", "Holochila hyacinthina Scott i.l.", "Holochila hyacinthina (Scott i.l.) Semper det. R. I. Vane-Wright, 1977 Syntype ♂" in British Museum (Natural History).

Comments: - A more complete synonymy can be found in Couchman (1962). Semper (1879) described the species from at least six specimens if the specimen figured by Herrich-Schäffer (1869) as Lycaena erinus is included. The specimens came from Sydney and Rockhampton. He did not designate a holotype and subsequent authors have not designated a lectotype. To check that the name C. hyacinthinus (Semper) has been correctly applied it was necessary to trace the syntypes and only two were found, both in the British Museum (Natural History); one from each locality. The specimen from Sydney, a female, was chosen as lectotype to conserve existing nomenclature as specimens from Rockhampton are included with C. h. eugenia. The holotype of C. h. eugenia in the Australian Museum has been examined and is correctly placed with that species. We were also able to examine a photograph of the holotype of Papilio erinus Fabricius in the British Museum (Natural History) and a syntype of Polyommatus subpallidus T. P. Lucas in the South Australian Museum labelled "Brisbane Lucas Coll" "I 13444 Candalides subpallida Lucas TYPE" and four other syntypes and confirm the application of these names by Waterhouse (1903) and subsequent Australian authors.

In our opinion C. h. eugenia, typically from Kuranda, represents the end of a cline running up the Queensland coast with northern specimens paler and greyer beneath. C. h. eugenia is not known from north of Kuranda.

Common and Waterhouse (1972) gave the range of Candalides hyacinthinus simplex (Tepper) as coastal southern Western Australia south to Margaret River. The inclusion of Margaret River was based on a pencilled note by Dr A.J. Turner. Specimens have also been taken at Westonia, Fitzgerald River Reserve, Salmon Gums and, by Mr D. F. Crosby, in the Stirling Range. Specimens of C. h. hyacinthinus have now been taken in southern Western Australia at the Porongorups, Manjimup, Warren River 6 miles S.E. of Pemberton, Jewel Cave Augusta, Karridale, Margaret River and Smiths Mill (Glen Forest). Sixteen males and eight females, taken from October to January, have been examined. We think it unsuitable to nominate a subspecific name for this population in which some specimens cannot be easily distinguished from eastem C. h. hyacinthinus. Nevertheless many specimens are smaller and browner beneath than those from the east and in many the markings of the postmedian line on



FIGS 17-20. Ventral view of female genitalia: (17) paratype *C. geminus* sp. n., Claudie R., Q.; (18) *C. acastus*, Black Mt., A.C.T.; (19) *C. hyacinthinus hyacinthinus*, Hawkesbury Lookout, N.S.W.; (20) *C. erinus*, Townsville, Q.

the underside of the hind wing tend to fuse and spread towards the base. Males are usually more brown above than eastern *C. h. hyacinthinus*. The spicule on the vesica is usually shorter than that of eastern specimens. The specimen from Smiths Mill is indistinguishable from eastern specimens. We have not seen specimens of *C. h. simplex* from the area of southern Western Australia where *C. h. hyacinthinus* is now known to occur and a more detailed knowledge of the distributions of both would be of interest.

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